

BOOK NOTICE

The History of Entomology at the Massachusetts Agricultural College, 1867-1930. By Henry T. Fernald. Fernald Club, Special Publication Number 1, Massachusetts State College, Amherst, Massachusetts. 1938. $10\frac{7}{8} \times 7\frac{7}{8}$ inches. 55 sheets mimeographed on one side. Printed cover page.

Personally, I first became aware of the Massachusetts Agricultural College through Mrs. M. E. Fernald's "Catalogue of the Coccidæ of the World," published in 1903. And since that time I have always held a high opinion of the entomological work and of the entomologists turned out by that institution.

The present history, by Dr. Henry T. Fernald, now supplies a concise and orderly account of the development of entomology at Amherst over a period of 64 years. These are divided into four periods, the first from 1867 to 1886, at which time Professor C. H. Fernald joined the staff; the second from 1886 to 1889, when organized graduate work was started; the third from 1899 to 1910, when Professor C. H. Fernald retired, and the fourth, from 1910 to 1930, when Dr. H. T. Fernald retired.

The account starts with the early lectures on entomology by the president and others, including A. S. Packard, Jr., and traces the growth and development of entomological work almost to the present time. This interesting record is concerned with the various types of entomological courses and activities, new pests, new buildings, experimental work, testing of insecticides, publications, and the lines of entomological work for which Amherst has become noted. In addition there is included a list of students who selected entomology as their life work and this contains the names of many who will immediately be recognized as outstanding entomologists. A brief appendix by Dr. C. P. Alexander bridges the period from 1930 to 1932.

Dr. Fernald's history is a welcome and valuable addition to the slowly growing body of facts about the history of entomology in America.—H. B. W.